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Agenda #1

Agenda Action Report *Prepared for the* **Cascade County Commission**

ITEM

Public Hearing
Art Higgins Memorial Park/Trail
Access and Connectivity Plan

PRESENTED BY

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BACKGROUND:

Cascade County was awarded an EPA Cooperative Agreement grant allowing them to contract with Water and Environmental Technologies (WET) to develop conceptual plans for future developments in and around Art Higgins Memorial Park as part of the upcoming Black Eagle Superfund remediation. The Board of Cascade County Commissioners (BOCC) sought options for improved trail access and connectivity to the park that could be coordinated with other nearby site activities. WET researched documents related to the site, interviewed several stakeholder groups, and conducted on-site visits. Several public meetings were held in Black Eagle to obtain input and the final conceptual park plans were revealed in February of 2018.

The three park plans presented were ranked on Recreational Benefits, Construction Costs, Maintenance Costs, and Compatibility with the Superfund remedy. **Option A** received the highest ranking of 10 points, **Option B** ranked third with 7 points, and **Option C** ranked second with 8 points. The full report, titled Art Higgins Memorial Park/Trail Connectivity Plan, includes the three options presented and the ranking system used. The BOCC will make a selection of their preferred plan option following the public hearing.

Two Motions are Provided for Consideration:

I move the Cascade County Board of Commissioners, after consideration of public comments received, **APPROVE** **Option** presented in the October 2018 WET report titled Art Higgins Memorial Park/Trail Access and Connectivity Plan as the preferred Commission plan for future development in the Superfund remediation process in and around the park.

I move the Cascade County Board of Commissioners, after consideration of public comments received, request the following **CHANGES** to **Option** presented in the October 2018 WET report titled Art Higgins Memorial Park/Trail Connectivity Plan. and then approve as the preferred Commission plan for future development in the Superfund remediation process in and around the park.

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